

# **SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**



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A committee to review courtroom security and formulate standards in South Carolina is being convened by South Carolina Supreme Chief Justice Jean Toal. The study group will begin meeting in mid April.

Officials serving on the committee include the Chief Justice, who will serve as chair, SLED Chief Robert Stewart, Corrections Commissioner Jon Ozmint, Charleston Sheriff Al Cannon, Newberry Sheriff Lee Foster, and Williamsburg Sheriff Kelvin Washington.

Recent events occurring around the country and especially in the Atlanta area, have caused judicial and public safety officials to carefully review procedures involving courtroom security and develop basic standards which should be maintained for the safety of court personnel and the general public.